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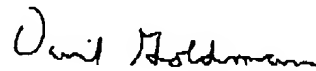
Applicant carefully considered the Office Action mailed on April 21, 2004. Claims 1, 2, 4-20 and 22-36 are pending in the present patent application. Of the pending claims, the Examiner indicated that claims 19, 20 and 22-36 are allowed and that claims 9, 10, 17 and 18 are objected to. In addition, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 11-16. In response to the Office Action, Applicant canceled claims 9 and 17 and incorporated the subject matter therefrom into claims 1 and 11, respectively, to overcome the 35 USC §102(b) rejection. In addition, Applicant amended claims 10 and 18 to maintain proper claim dependency. Applicant requests further examination and reconsideration of the present patent application.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 11-16 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Bodley-Scott (US Patent No. 4,817,040). Applicant has overcome this rejection by canceling claims 9 and 17, which the Examiner indicated contained allowable subject matter, and incorporating the subject matter therefrom into claims 1 and 11, respectively. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider and remove the §102(b) rejection of claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 11-16.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider this application and allow claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-16, 18-20 and 22-36.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the present patent application, the Examiner can call Applicant's attorney, David Goldman, at telephone number (518)-387-5927 or (518)-387-5903.

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